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Denham stays on April ballot

Crouch plans appeal of court decision

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Pontoon Beach mayor candidate Jim Denham was allowed to remain on the April ballot, but Police Chief Mike Crouch said he would be appealing that decision.

PONTOON BEACH — After an hour-long hearing at

Madison County Courthouse in Edwardsburg Thursday afternoon, the village's Electoral Board voted 2-1 in favor of keeping Denham on the ballot. Voting in favor were Chairman and Trustee Irene Karlechuk and Village Clerk Mary Rowden — herself the objector of one of the objections. Trustee Bill Abel voted against Denham.

Crouch filed his objections as a citizen and sought to have Denham thrown off the ballot for being a political violator.

First, Crouch said Denham failed to number his petitions and Denham filled out an "I'm not a political violator" of candidacy, but his petitions listed his party affiliation as the "New Beginnings Party."

The second objection sought to have Rowden thrown off the Electoral Board for conflict of interest.

At Thursday's hearing, the board first considered Rowden's position.

Ironically, as a board member Rowden voted on the issue.

Denham's attorney, Eric Evans, argued that "the only legal reason to remove Rowden from the board was if she was a candidate."

During questioning by Crouch's attorney, Jim Cooper, Rowden said she received that she took home papers filed by the candidates in violation of a village ordinance.

In his objections, Crouch said Rowden's actions "creates a genuine concern for their validity and their freedom" from tampering. However, Rowden said she took them home to prevent tampering.

"I felt if I left them at the village hall there was a very good possibility they would come up missing or be tampered with," she said.

She added that documents had been taken or were missing from her office on two occasions, both times minutes from executive sessions, which were returned the day after she found them to be missing.

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Tim Stephenson photo
Trudy Campbell of Shirl K's Floral Design in Granite City arranges a rose display for someone special Thursday. A steady stream of customers made their way to stores for cards, candies, flowers and other gifts Friday afternoon. Flowers have always been a popular symbol of love on Valentine's Day, when lovers everywhere exchange special gifts the world over.



Ray Hobac, manager of the Collinsville Wal-Mart store, tries out a lasso while "galloping" on his steed.

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Cupid's arrows flying

Lovers flock for cards, roses

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

It's Valentine's Day, and everybody knows what that means.

If you don't know, you're already in

big trouble. At Jan's Hallmark in Granite City, a steady stream of customers made their way to the counter with cards, candies, flowers and other gifts Friday afternoon.

Jan, manager of Granite City was looking for "just the right card."

Normally a last-minute Valentine's Day shopper, Mitchell said he was getting "a little ahead," but "would probably have to go out Saturday."

Jill Maynard, also of Granite City, was looking for cards with her children Paige, 9, and Abbi, 5. They were picking up cards for Maynard's husband.

"I wanted something funny,"

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Area Wal-Mart launches CMN fund-raiser

Rodeo theme gets employees involved, manager says

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

It wasn't exactly a rodeo scene, but Ray Hobac was doing his best to make it one.

COLLINSVILLE

Dressed up in cowboy attire, "Big Ray," as his sheriff's badge identified him, put the horse's springs to the test while alternately firing a popgun and twirling a lasso.

After a few tries, Hobac and his lasso cleared the neck of his sidekick, Hobac, better known as Assistant Manager Linda Huber of Collinsville.

Huber, standing on hay, held a milk can.

This was milk-free, but still employees are hoping to fill it with money for the Children's Miracle Network.

CMN strives to make dreams come true for seriously ill children.

It was a morning of good fun for a good cause, said store associate Elsie McCartney.

Moo! and cheers of "Ride 'em, cowboy" periodically came over the store's intercom.

Collinsville Wal-Mart employees are raising funds for the Children's Miracle Network, a national charity which works to make wishes come true for seriously ill children. Wal-Mart is a national sponsor of CMN activities. The local fund-raising activities last through June 5.

Tuesday kicked off the store's annual fund-raising campaign, which runs through June 5. McCartney said the store raised \$12,655 last year. This year's goal is \$14,000, she said.

Vivian Johnisee of Collinsville made the day's first donation. She shared a laugh with the other employees who had gathered to watch Hobac and Huber make their grand entrance.

Every year, the store picks a theme for the campaign. It also offers the employees new and creative ways in which to tease their bosses. Past exploits include having managers dress as their bosses, spend time in a dog pen munching kibble or getting the chance to kiss a pig.

Police: Rowden DUI arrest not political move

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

PONTOON BEACH

The arrest of Ray Hobac by Police Chief Michael Crouch and two other officers.

Rowden, the husband of Village Clerk Mary Rowden, was charged with driving under the influence, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct after being pulled over about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon by Police Chief Michael Crouch and two other officers.

Rowden has a long history of conflict with village politics, according to police.

Rowden, the husband of

have Rowden thrown off the village's Electoral Board.

According to Detective Dan Abel, the arrest has nothing to do with village politics. Abel said during the arrest and booking process, a trooper from the Illinois State Police was called in to monitor the situation.

According to police reports, Crouch was northbound on Illinois Route 111 when he noticed a 1992 GMC pickup

truck weaving on the roadway in front of him.

Crouch — driving an unmarked police car — radioed other officers in marked cars to assist in making a traffic stop.

Crouch activated his lights when the truck turned onto Reville Lane, but the truck did

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Pontiac Montana is functional minivan
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**Open House**

Bill Brown, third from left, the Industrial Training Center Mechanical Program Coordinator at Belleville Area College, explains procedures on new equipment purchased for BAC's Machine Shop at the Granite City Campus. Listening in, from left, are John Baima, CNC instructor; Elmer Kirchoff, BAC president; and Jim Moore, ITC director.

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Milestones

Christopher Blatz celebrates a birthday today, Feb. 14.
Eva Gitchko celebrates a birthday today, Feb. 14.
Lisa Swoleski celebrates a birthday today, Feb. 14.
Valerie Kay Lee celebrates a birthday today, Feb. 14.
Frank Schenhofer Sr. celebrates a birthday today, Feb. 14.

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Sarah Ulakey celebrates a birthday Feb. 16.

Kyle Lee celebrates a birthday Feb. 16.

Lucas Geisler celebrates a birthday Feb. 16.

Harold Murphy celebrates a birthday Feb. 16.

Danielle Kilzer celebrates a birthday Feb. 16.

Joe Hosier Jr. celebrates a birthday Feb. 16.

June Justice celebrates a birthday Feb. 16.

Jason Cousins celebrates a birthday Feb. 17.

Sarah Catherine Anthony celebrates a birthday Feb. 17.

Judy Perryman celebrates a birthday Feb. 17.

Emily Love celebrates a birthday Feb. 17.

Charles Svoboda celebrates a birthday Feb. 17.

Kathy Dahlahn celebrates a birthday Feb. 17.

Patrick Klein celebrates a birthday Feb. 17.

Chelsea Rene Hope celebrates a birthday Feb. 17.

Glen and Joann Davis celebrate their anniversary Feb. 17.

Callie Jo Durborrow celebrates a birthday Feb. 18.

Karen Bridic celebrates a birthday Feb. 18.

Dustin W. Harris celebrates a birthday Feb. 18.

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Mark DeWitt celebrates a birthday Feb. 18.

William "Sonny" Liefrey celebrates a birthday Feb. 19.

Jessie May Kopek celebrates a birthday Feb. 19.

Danielle Kilzer celebrates a birthday Feb. 19.

Luc Austin DeWitt celebrates a birthday Feb. 19.

John Hause III celebrates a birthday Feb. 19.

Judy Mayes celebrates a birthday Feb. 20.

Chris Kau celebrates a birthday Feb. 20.

Todd McFarland celebrates a birthday Feb. 20.

Kent Bosworth celebrates a birthday Feb. 20.

Cory Steven Coppersmith celebrates a birthday Feb. 20.

Kelli Lyn Coppersmith celebrates a birthday Feb. 20.

George and Janice Kamacho

celebrate their anniversary Feb. 20.

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Love ballot dispute resolution scheduled within next week

Madison school president files objection

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A decision on whether Rev. John Love can remain on the ballot in the Madison School District will be decided sometime this week.

The School District's Electoral Board met Thursday to hear an objection from School Board President Sharon Cass, who is one of four candidates for three seats on the April election.

In her objection, Cass said Love made several technical errors and 13 of 60 people who signed his petitions were either not registered to vote or registered under a different address from where they are living now.

Love said Cass's objection was part of a plan by him to keep off the ballot, he told Love that he should have talked to them before running.

"He flagged me down, we were doing catch basins on Madison Avenue," he said.

Grzywacz came to him the day after he filed his petitions and told Love that he should have talked to them before running.

The board held off on a final decision to determine exactly how many signatures were necessary and to allow Love time to obtain affidavits from some of the people to why they moved.

Love also argued that those signers still lived within the Madison School District.

"He (Rev. John Love) flagged me down (seeking his support for the Madison School Board election), we were doing catch basins on Madison Avenue. (He had already decided to support other candidates.)"

Ron Grzywacz
Madison Street Superintendent

the hearing. The last day to file was Feb. 1 and the objection was filed one day late.

Objections are supposed to be filed within five days of the last filing date, but the weekend may have extended that period.

Love also questioned why he should be responsible for making sure people signing his petitions were living at the correct address.

Board Attorney John Papa said that according to state statutes, it was the responsibility of the candidate.

At the end of Thursday's hearing Bridick, who acted as chairman, said they would recess until sometime next week.

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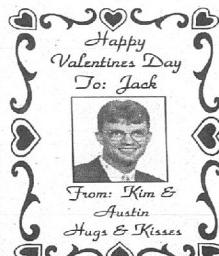
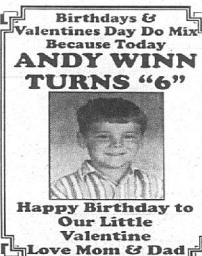


John Swistak Jr. photo

Collinsville Wal-Mart Store Manager Ray Hobac of Granite City and Assistant Manager Linda Huber grin at 5-year-old Brittany Baker of Staunton during the store's opening ceremonies for the annual Children's Miracle Network fund-raising drive. Her grandmother, Jean Ley of Collinsville, can be seen in the background between Hobac and Huber. The drive, which helps children with life-threatening illnesses, runs through early June.

I would like to personally thank Brenda and Albert Townsend for organizing the benefit for Sonya Reader. I could not have done it without them.

Thank You
Trudy Schaefer



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News

Police Beat

Venice

Theft: A delivery driver reported the theft of more than \$1,800 in goods — mostly cigarettes, candy and similar items — from a van Tuesday.

According to reports, the driver, with the New Market, 88 Braecon Ave., was making a delivery at about 11 a.m. Tuesday when somebody opened the van door and took the items.

After inventorying the van, the driver later reported the value of the stolen items at \$1,893.86.

Armed Robbery: A Granite City man reported several suspects attempted to steal his wife's purse during an armed robbery at about 11 a.m. Thursday in the Venice Homes area.

According to reports, the man met police at a nearby gas station and asked for police to escort him to the

housing projects to recover his vehicle.

He said his wife was parked in the circle drive of Venice Homes when two men, one armed with a gun, came up to her and demanded her purse. They attempted to take her purse, but she refused to give it to them, and one of the men allegedly struck her in the face with his fist. The two would-be robbers apparently left the area.

Madison

Warrant arrests: A Kansas City, Kan., man was arrested on an outstanding felony warrant after he was detained in a downtown drug purchasing area in Madison early Friday morning.

Danny Vickery, 28, of Kansas City, Kan., was wanted on an outstanding felony warrant from Poplar Bluff, Mo.

He was arrested at about 3:40 a.m. by Madison police at the intersection of Collinsville Avenue and Ewing Street. He told police he was on his way to a friend's house, but could not name the friend. A record check revealed the outstanding warrant.

* Two men were arrested on outstanding warrants at a local tavern early Thursday morning.

Michael Hoult, 26, of St. Louis, and Eric Samuelson, 18, of the Viola Jones Homes in Venice, were arrested after Madison city and Madison County officers spotted the pair at Blake's Lounge, 217 Roosevelt.

Hoult was wanted on an armed robbery charge out of Madison County. Samuelson was wanted for failure to appear on charges of fleeing police and criminal damage to property.

GC School District passes profile policy

By Mike Heil
Staff writer

The Granite City School District enacted a safety policy Tuesday that includes a profile list of students and faculty members to help identify students prone to violence.

Granite City School Superintendent Steve Balen said teachers and principals

can familiarize themselves with the list so they will be able to recognize violent or disturbed student who is contemplating violent actions. "Our educators will take the list to heart," he said. "That's the only way the district will be able to avoid a real tragedy."

Some of the characteristics on the list include depression, unexplainable behavior, angry outbursts and mood swings.

Balen said that of the 20 characteristics listed, all are important because any could be the key for a faculty member to recognize a potentially violent student.

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Balen went on to say that educators in the district have been given the student profile list because it will definitely be used by educators to deter violence and assist students who may need guidance.

The Granite City School District received the profile list from the federal government as a way to curtail violence in schools.

According to the policy, staff and administrators should report to their supervisors students who show tendencies toward violence.

At-risk students will be referred for a special assessment to determine the risks they may pose. An evaluation will be necessary, which will consist of a social worker, psychologist, school resource officer and school administrator.

Two evaluation teams will be needed, as well. One will consist of the building principal. He will gather information about the student without conferring with the student.

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Opinions



Sound Off
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Health care, tourism top priorities

Legislature will work to help every citizen

By Rep. Tom Holbrook

Illinois has a new governor and a new legislature. Change always brings uncertainty. It also brings hope for progress. My hope is that all of us in Springfield can continue to work in a bipartisan manner in the best interest of the citizens of Illinois.

Health care will be a major issue before the Legislature again this year. One of my concerns is the quality of care that patients receive in HMO systems. I will continue to support measures such as the Patients Bill of Rights, which put patient first.

Human life is too valuable to be weighed by a penny-pinching insurance bureaucrat hundreds of miles away. The right of patients and doctors to make informed decisions about care should be law.

Economic development will be one of my top priorities this year. I am in a good position to bring jobs to our area through the tourism industry. Millions of people travel to the Midwest each year, yet few tourists realize the attractions Metro-East has to offer. As chairman of the Tourism Committee, I will push for measures to expand this untapped resource.

Crime continues to be a major concern for all of us. Last year, I was able to pass legislation that will increase the flow of the drug trade into and out of Illinois. This year, I am sponsoring legislation to make it easier to prosecute sex offenders and co-sponsoring a bill to protect children on the Internet.

I am also co-sponsoring legislation to make our schools safer by suspending the driver's license of kids who bring weapons to school.

As a member of the Transportation Committee, I will continue to fight for funding for our roads. Interstate construction and roadway expansion have helped fuel the economic boom for the area. Meeting our growing needs and getting our roads built in shape is essential to our continued success as a retail business, and allowing people the freedom to work throughout the region.

Education and education funding were addressed last year with mixed results. This year, I will work with Gov. George Ryan to fulfill his promise of delivering 51 percent of all new tax dollars to our schools.

In addition, last year's school funding bill had some flaws that need to be addressed. Our area's small schools were cheated out of over \$800,000 in funding for improving technology in the classroom. Legislation has been introduced to fix these problems. I fully support these bills and will do my best to ensure they pass this year.

I'm looking forward to continuing the work I started four years ago, when I was first elected. If you have any state issues you need addressed, please don't hesitate to call me or attend one of the community meetings listed in your local newspaper.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you.

Tom Holbrook, D-Belleville, is state representative for the 113th District, which includes Granite City.

Sound Off!

To call the Journal "Sound Off!" line, dial 277-9522 and leave your message. We won't print personal attacks or unfair criticism of individuals or businesses. Please keep your comments brief and reasonable.

Impeach him twice

If it is true that Bill Clinton has leased even a tiny part of the United States to the Chinese for campaign funds, then he should be doubly impeached.

Remember this one thing: You can't fix stupid

Experiences in medicine make me realize Jim White was correct

By Mary K. Spencer

If you have followed my previous columns, you may be aware of a common theme — stupidity.

I began with some of my favorite emergency room clientele, continued with the antics of my teenagers and finally advanced to the higher level of stupidity with the synonym for popularity.

I would like to wrap up my series of columns by sharing with you some of the greater heights of popularity.

Comical situations in the medical field do not always have to occur from the patient. Believe me, we caretakers also have our days when the light is on and nobody's home.

I remembered in nursing

when the first time I had to take a blood pressure on a patient, I was so nervous. The instructor had one of those double stethoscopes she could put our earpieces into our ears and listen at the same time. I pumped up that cuff and let it out ever so slowly so I wouldn't miss a beat.

I was so upset when I didn't hear a thing. Then I realized I had forgotten to put the ear pieces in my ears.

I also remember a very busy night in the emergency room.

Another nurse and I worked together assessing a patient. He took the blood pressure and I took the temperature and pulse.

When he picked up the chart to record the vital signs, he asked me what I had gotten for a pulse. I replied, "I don't know," and documented it in the chart. He said, "You recorded a blood pressure, and you didn't even take one."

Then there was the time when I had just gotten a puppy and was into puppy training. I went to work that night, and when I reached down to check the patient's pulse, I asked her the patient's name.

Probably one of my favorite stories is the one of my very first night working in the emergency room. It was the evening shift. Naturally, I was nervous, having been a registered nurse for only three years and having no critical care experience. I was very confident, however, because I was scheduled with an exceptional LPN whose skills far exceeded mine.

The problem arose when the night shift nurse called in sick that night. They needed a registered nurse to work it.

My confidence was nowhere near the stage where I'd agree to work alone in the ER. Ironically, at 6 p.m. a new



Short prayers more effective than long

We can easily become distracted, even when chatting

By Jayne Lauer

A man once challenged a friend to say only the Lord's Prayer from beginning to end without becoming distracted. If the friend could complete the task, the man would give him a horse.

The man eagerly accepted the seemingly simple challenge. He began, "Our Father, Who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name... What color is that horse?"

It so seems, is my life of prayer. A time set apart each day for silent prayer, free of distraction, is a worthy and meaningful goal.

For me, that seems unattainable. Getting up earlier or staying up later is an impossible aspiration for being overcome by sleep. Distractions and responsibilities involving family, work and daily life gobble up time and attention. Meal and bedtime prayers with my children are certainly good, but my one-on-one time with God is still lacking.

Part of the answer for me has been what I call the "mini one-to-five-line, wherever-I-am, as-many-times-as-I-can-a-day prayers."

Paul tells us in Colossians

4:2, "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, he tells us to "pray continually." In Philippians 4:6, he gives us further encouragement: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

What do I pray? Here are some examples:

"Thank you for protection and strength for my husband as he leaves for work; safety for the person changing a tire on the roadside; healing for a person in our family; a just and passed protection for myself and my children on snow-covered streets; protection and blessings for my neighbor who got out of the way for school; strength to get through the bills and for balancing the checkbook; help for the obviously unhappy, her young wife; the fast-food restaurant; strength and healing for a family friend with cancer; and for me, patience!"

I ask forgiveness for my impatience, crabiness, judgment of others and the times I speak unkindly.

I give thanks and praise for: warm quilts, the light in my son's eyes when he hugs me;

straight-A report cards; the blessing of a new van; a Christian husband; a faith already instilled in my children; time to write; supportive Christian friends; my own motherhood; large family of nieces and nephews; an unexpected trip to the dentist; my patience while waiting for a slow, inexperienced checker; cold medicine that works; and sleep.

Some days, I admit, are much more prayer-filled than others. It's easy to begin a conversation with God only to be disturbed by the sight of the problem. Even I am praying about in the first place. By sticking to my short prayers, though, it helps to momentarily stop the focus and then leave the direction and the answer to the Lord.

We know God is omnipresent — right beside us each and every day. Walking with God through the day, though, is the day as I do helps me to feel that presence more keenly and vividly — to experience God as a loving friend beside me who is aware of every moment in

my life.

Perhaps you, too, seek ways to increase your time spent in prayer. Perhaps you've

already succeeded in scheduling that special block of time just to pray. Perhaps no.

No matter. Try the mini one-to-five-line, on-the-go, wherever-you-are, as-many-times-as-I-can-a-day prayer today. Pray for the bank teller, the restaurant server and your client. Pray for your child, your spouse, your neighbor. You will carry on. Pray about a sin, a trouble, a television show or a ball game.

Tell God what's on your mind. He'll be listening, and answering, if you're listening, too.

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Our best victories in life come from difficult circumstances

The sweetest victories in life come from overcoming hard circumstances.

Life is a testing ground. Great beauty is revealed in wisely enduring the trials we go through. That supernatural internal beauty is the character of patience, kindness and persistence.

To live this life victoriously and successfully we must continually keep the root of bitterness out of our hearts. We all have trials, and because of them we will

become either emittered old men or we will conquer the root of bitterness with forgiving love.

Some people have let bitterness grow so deep, unable to trust, believe or hope again. In the word of God is true and it says, as reader Dana Wellington of Arnold wrote, "God never gives us more than we can bear, so no matter the test we must trust Him and never doubt Him."

It also says to cast your cares upon Him. That's truly

the only way you can bear all things.

You've heard the saying, "Nip it in the bud." If we don't stop the bitterness at well up within us through the single action of one individual it becomes like crabgrass, it grows and grows it invades and spoils everything in your life.

The Bible says, "The devil walks about like a roaring lion seeking who he can devour." But the rest of the verse says, "Greater is He that is within

us than he that is within the world."

Look what happens when we give up and get rid of the bitterness. We often forget the enemy. Let's realize that the trial was only one small incident in our whole life. When we keep it contained to that one small circumstance and let go of it, God will give us the grace to show His love to the person who wronged us. Then we have become mighty conquerors.

Do not continue to discuss a

negative situation or mention it again. The more you talk about it the more it stays alive. So people do something to offend you, return that evil with good.

"Through your column I have found ways to believe the hardships of my dark and empty as it once seemed," wrote Katie Williams of St. Louis. "I was feeling bitter and couldn't understand how God could make me suffer and go through this difficult time. But now I know He was testing

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my strength and my faith, and I believe I am a stronger person."

Connect with God through prayer. See your thoughts openly and comfortably with Him. Get so close to God that nothing will offend you. Don't be full of resentment. It will hurt you more than the other person. Let it go and drop it in the sea of forgetfulness. Pray and show overcoming love, for it's written, "Love never fails."

Leave all bitterness, malice and strife behind and rejoice over the wonderful things in your life. There are so many. Be like the loving bees, arms up and outstretched thanking God for every beautiful thing we have.

This great revelation will give you freedom and renew your spirit. Know the people God is in control. Never be upset with Him for what He allows. He has a reason for all that He does, and it is to bring out the finest in you. The greatest reassurance always to be found in our Heavenly Father's care.

Dig out the roots of bitterness. Let the axe to the root of that tree. Let the handle of that axe read, "Faith in God" and "Restore unto me the joy of the Lord."

Swing it and sever that root. When that life-sapping tree falls, in its place comes up the rose of sharon and lovely lily of the valley. And when it is in the soft dawn of the sky, the bright and morning star shines upon the beauty of your soul.

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Denham allowed to stay on April ballot

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"There has not been what you would call a harmonious relationship between the village clerk and the police department," she said.

After the testimony, the board voted 2-1 in favor of keeping her as a member. Abel voted no.

During his run on Denham's candidacy, Cooper argued that because the pages of the petition were not numbered, it was a "fatal" blow.

He also argued that because Rowden took the papers home, there was a serious question of tampering and Denham should be thrown off.

"When you put the two together, you can come to no other conclusion," he said. "To allow that, it's to allow any potential candidate to butcher the rules."

Evans argued that Denham made a technical mistake, that state election officials had ruled that such mistakes were minor and that throwing him off the ballot would be

"draconian."

"He wasn't trying to perpetrate a fraud, he made a mistake," Evans said. He said it should be left to the voters to decide if it was a "serious" mistake.

"They can take it out on him at election day," he said.

With the 2-1 vote, Abel made a formal statement, saying "I don't know why we make these laws if we're not going to go by them."

The matter can be appealed to the circuit court, which Crouch said he would do "very soon."

Police: Rowden DUI arrest not political

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not stop until one of the marked cars passed Crouch.

Officers reported that Rowden stepped out of the truck and almost fell down.

Rowden allegedly became belligerent after being

repeatedly asked for his drivers license, and made a fist and cocked his arm as if to hit one of the officers.

Officers used pepper spray to stop Rowden, who was taken to the police station for processing.

At the station, Rowden refused to submit to a blood/alcohol test.

Police said Rowden has at least one prior conviction for DUI and had just recently had his license returned to him.

Rowden was taken to the Madison County Jail and was released Wednesday after posting a cash bond.

Valentine's Day brings out lover in us all

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but they're kind of picked over," she said. "So I'm going for serious."

Also a traditional last-minute shopper, which she blames on "habit," Maynard said they would finish today.

Store manager Marsha Lowery said they have been "busy" for the past few days, but didn't expect the "mad rush" of forgetful lovers until Saturday.

She also said the really forgetful ones would start rushing in after church today, Sunday.

Lowery said one of the most popular items are the chocolate-covered strawberries.

Flowers — as usual — are also in demand.

At Shirl K. Floral Designs on Pontoon Road, co-owner Carol Pearcey said workers were busy putting together arrangements Friday that would contain an estimated

1,000 roses. She said they would probably go through a similar number the next day too.

This year, she said yellow and hot pink roses were especially in demand.

"Red roses are always the favorite, but we have a lot of colored roses that are popular," she said.

However, she said slightly fewer flowers would probably be sold because Valentine's Day was on a

Sunday and also because of the President's Day holiday weekend.

"There's a lot of roses on the market right now because a lot of florists cut back because Valentine's Day is on Sunday," she said. "A lot of couples will go out for the weekend or go out to eat."

"We like Valentine's Day when it's during the week," she said. "People buy a lot more flowers during the week."

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Following is some information on other types of plants available at Frank's.

Cyclamens
These bear two-to-three-inch flowers with petals that sweep up much like butterfly wings. Flowers bloom in shades of pink, red and white above thick, dark green leaves that often have silvery markings.

All of them have rounded, heart-shaped leaves on long stalks and are produced from a corm. The flowers are also produced on stalks which reach above the leaves.

The best environment for these plants is bright, indirect sunlight with daytime temperatures of 70°F or lower. That must be taken into consideration when giving one as a gift. If your special someone likes to keep the house on the cool side, the cyclamen or Primrose would fit in perfectly. If not, you should opt for another choice, like the African Violet. Read on.

African Violet
Known technically as Saintpaulia, these plants are probably the most popular flowering houseplants in the country, and have been for some time.

They can blossom continuously, bearing clusters of velvety one- to two-inch flowers in pink, blue or purple, as well as

white and bi-colors. These plants usually grow four to six inches tall.

African violets do best in bright, indirect sunlight or in 14 to 16 hours of artificial light per day. They prefer daytime temperatures of 72°F or higher.

Now for a little trivia. Technically, African Violets aren't violets. They're members of the genus Saintpaulia, to which gloxinias are related.

Cinerarias
These popular flowering plants normally have flowers two to three inches across. Most stem from Senecio cruentus and are either varieties or hybrids of this species.

As cinerarias grow, they can easily be transplanted to larger pots.

Begonias
Begonias make up the largest group of plants suitable for indoors. The wax begonia has satiny flowers less than an inch across. They come in white, salmon, pink or rose red, with oval green or reddish leaves as large as four inches. They bloom profusely, and can attain heights of 14 inches.

Begonias generally like normal room temperature, between 68°F and 72°F. They need at least four hours of direct sunlight per day from November through March, and should be provided bright, indirect sunlight the rest of the year.

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Morning show madness

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WKKX-FM (106.5) morning show hosts Steve Shannon and D.C. Chymes made an appearance recently at Hudson's Jewelers in Bellemore Village to celebrate the store's recent local sponsorship of the regionally syndicated program. Fans of the morning duo were presented with T-shirts, CDs, autographs and other items. From left are Chymes, Jane Hudson, John Hudson, Shannon and Dan Elvis Arnold. The Steve and D.C. show is syndicated to several markets in the Midwest and Southeast.

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Travers named regional tourism board chair

Craig Travers, general manager of the Casino Queen in East St. Louis, was elected as chairman of the Southwestern Illinois Tourism and Convention Bureau Executive Board of Directors at the annual meeting on Friday, Jan. 29.

SEMC emergency room workers provide care as quickly as possible

When a recent ice storm hit the area, the number of emergency room patients at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, swelled faster than a sprained ankle.

Emergency room personnel predicted a heavy load, and were able to treat 20 patients suffering from falls by the end of the day.

They had treated 20 by noon. By 4:30 p.m., they had treated nearly 100 patients.

Kathleen Gauen, director of Ambulatory Services, said that many people called the emergency wanting to know whether they should come to the ER.

When is an emergency worthy of an emergency room visit?

"One woman called and said, 'My arm is swollen and it hurts. Do I need an X-ray? Those types of questions can't be answered over the phone," Gauen said.

Gauen offers some suggestions when deciding whether to visit the emergency room:

For the types of injuries resulting from falls who had fallen on the ice, Gauen offers these guidelines:

Does the injury keep the joint or limb from functioning normally? Is there a deformity or major swelling of the area? If it's a leg injury, can you stand on it?

She emphasized that many times the margin in determining an emergency is narrow. In those cases, it's better to go to the emergency room.

In addition, patients would benefit by calling their doctors rather than coming to the emergency room, especially during office hours, she added.

Gauen acknowledges that sometimes, patients want to know why they have to wait while others get treated ahead of them. Patients enter the emergency room and are assessed, often without their knowledge.

Gauen said that ER triage nurses are trained to do the ABC's of a "quick look," which determines the priority of treatment.

"Nurses do look, although they may not be right there with the patient. They assess a patient's condition and specifically, observing the following ABC's:

Airway: Is the airway clear; is the patient talking?

Breathing: Is the patient struggling to breathe?

Circulation: Is the patient's color good or bad?

The presence of blood from an injury, for example, which bleeds profusely obviously requires treatment. Yet that injury may not be life-threatening. We don't delay treatment if, for example, a patient arrives whose ABC's are good and requires immediate attention," Gauen said.

St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Emergency Services provides training on-site services. Staff members are available to discuss emergency guidelines with community groups. The staff present safety guidelines to area grade school students during their Teddy Bear Clinics in the spring.

The medical center offers free First Aid Guides, which discuss symptoms and treatments for more than 20 common health emergencies.

For more information about St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Emergency Services, call 798-3166.



Eagles giveaway

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Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 recently held a drawing for St. Louis team sportswear. Danielle Fioldo won the top prize, a pair of Cardinals tickets and two Mark McGwire Cardinal jerseys. Shown with Fioldo, center, are Nina Jackson, left, Eagles Auxiliary president, and Sharon Hogan, project chair. Sarah Miller, the second-prize winner, was given Blues jersey and Frances Marcillas, the third-prize winner, won a Rams jacket.

Two GCHS classes seeking members for reunion

A pair of Granite City high school classes are planning and are upcoming reunions so that invitation and other information may be mailed soon.

The Granite City High School graduating class of 1969 will hold its 30-year reunion July 31 at the Convention Center.

Members of that class are urged to provide current

addresses to the class reunion committee so that invitation and other information may be mailed soon.

To contact them, please call 877-7756 or email to helrich@ezd.com by March 1.

The Granite City High School North Class of 1979 is also seeking members for its

20-year reunion later this year.

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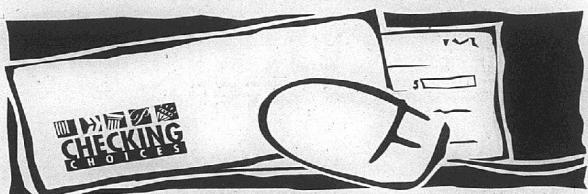
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5:20, 7:45, 9:40
She's All That (PG-13) 1:50, 4:45, 7:10,
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Shakespeare In Love (R) 2:00, 4:30,
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You've Got Mail (PG) 3:00, 5:35, 8:30

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103 W. Main, Belleville, Ill. 233-1220

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She's All That (PG-13) 2:15, 4:40,
7:20, 9:45

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ST. CLAIR 10

50 Ludwig Drive, 398-8383

Belleville, Ill. 1:40, 4:45, 7:20,
9:30

Blast From The Past (PG-13) 1:00,
4:00, 7:00, 9:00

Stepmom (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00,
8:00

Simply Irresistible (PG-13) 1:30,
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A Civil Action (PG-13) 1:35, 4:25,
7:15, 10:15

Varsity Blues (R) 1:20, 4:30, 7:05,
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Patch Adams (PG-13) 2:30, 8:15
Walking Ned Devine (PG) 4:45, 4:50,
7:30, 9:50

Elizabeth (R) 1:25, 4:15, 7:10, 9:45
Sleeping Private Ryan (R) 1:10, 4:50,
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SHOWCASE 12

EDWARDSVILLE

6633 Center Grove Rd., 659-7469

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SUNDAY, FEB. 14

Happy Valentine's Day!

Lovers are drawn together by common ideas and the need to feel wanted. It's not the perfect time to propose to your sweetheart, as people tend to over-intellectualize things under the Aquarian moon instead of following their heart's dictate. Friends will exchange valentines, and this could start a new kind of relationship.

TOMMY'S BIRTHDAY

(Feb. 14) As soon as you begin counting your blessings, a new bundle of them is heaped into the pile. Shortcuts and easy answers are found next month.

Relationships in April will help you open up that private side of your life; it's about time you had somebody to share the secret with. Love and Cancer are your signs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Friends and acquaintances are more available and will go with you. Your social life matters.

Work is vital, and you could even be paid for your expertise. Love with a Taurus or Libra is especially lucky.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Devote special time to a child; nothing and no one else can duplicate what you share. An old project can be easily started.

Work is trashed now. You can make an attempt to salvage a certain relationship, but won't get an answer now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Focus must be on the work money moneys down the line. It's nice to realize that you are more talented than you

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thought. A sweetheart is trying to his or her own strange way to show affection. Be understanding.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

A friend is in need of financial aid, and you help without footng the bill. Imagination

and confidence are more important than financial means. Avoid people who don't know what they want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Go with the flow. Creative projects because they are most likely to bring money to your future. Believe in your ideas.

Even if they are only good enough to take you one more step, they are still moving you forward.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

A voice from the past brings a positive message. Listen to the real news. Honor a commitment to children or parents.

Relatives are in need of financial assistance. You can settle a dispute with a brilliant compromise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Financial decisions affect the dynamics of your love life. Be

flexible. People who are married find opportunities to expand their collective horizons. Children are extremely affected by your words, though they won't show it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Big decisions are difficult to make. Collaborate with an unlikely business partner. A relative's answer is unsatisfactory for the moment. Keep asking until you get the answer you need to have.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Time with a love interest leads to a momentous discovery. Pleasant memories are surfacing at a good time. Don't get stuck in old patterns. Letting yourself indulge just a bit is better than denying what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

A change of environment is beneficial if you can take the time to get away. Avoid spending money before it is made. Neighbors are accommodating, and it's fun to review past glories with old pals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You make a home for powerful Try to make it personal when a spouse or lover wants to make a decision alone. Financial opportunities come with strings attached. Try to say no with a smile.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Believe it or not, you can use a new position of authority to effect greater changes. Family members are worthy of respect and shouldn't have to keep proving it. Try to boost the general morale of the family.

Gellar's first starring movie vehicle bit less than 'Simply Irresistible'

By Ronnie Roy
Staff writer

You'd think after two years on "Buffy The Vampire Slayer" that Sarah Michelle Gellar would recognize a good script.

Maybe it was the lure of headlining a feature film that drew her to "Simply Irresistible," a romantic comedy set along on romance but short on comedy.

Gellar stars as Amanda Shelton, owner and chef at a restaurant that's about to go out of business. She's a widow, an excellent cook, but it had fallen in decline since her death. And she lacks the natural talent in the kitchen.

One morning at an outdoor market, Amanda is sold a crab by the mysterious Gene O'Reilly (Christopher Durang), who claims to have known her

mother. While at the market she's also seen Tom Bartlett (Sean Patrick Flanery), a young executive at an upscale department store.

He is planning to open an upscale restaurant in the department store.

Coincidence? In a romantic comedy?

Amanda returns to her restaurant, rather than cook the crab, puts it up on the shelf. Good thing, as the crab apparently has magic powers, and Amanda is cooking magically, dramatically.

Back at the department store, Tom's girlfriend Chris (Amanda Peet) shows up and Tom takes her to lunch. The crab is by now a favorite item from the market, drops them off in front of Amanda's restaurant, instead of where they were waiting to go.

Amanda cooks up her meal, which causes Tom to

drop with delight, but makes Amanda begin throwing dishes and smearing food all over Tom's face. Scratch one inconvenient relationship.

Amanda is attracted to Tom, so the next day she goes to his department store to replace her dishes. She brings along some special clairs, and soon they're dancing in the dining room, complete with band, oblivious to Tom's boss and anyone else in the room.

More comic business at Amanda's restaurant is booming as word of mouth of her cooking talents gets around. Amanda is strangely uninterested in her new skills, or the effect her food is having on people.

Tom, however, begins to suspect something is wrong. Especially late one night and the two of them end up floating to the ceiling while kissing.

He thinks she's a witch, and breaks off their relationship. She goes to his office to return his wallet.

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Valentine Love Lines

Derek, Words alone cannot express my love for you. Will you be my Valentine? - Kim

Nanci, I will love you forever and hope you will feel the same. - Jim

Happy Valentine's Day! Karen, Darryl, Draw, Ms. Bo, Ron, Ron, Granny, Love you all. - Zina

Rich Honey, You're all I need. You're all I need. Be my Valentine LMP. - Sharon

Tin with love, All dreams come true. We can make it happen. Love you lots. - Liz

My Sweetheart, This is our seventh Valentine's Day. Each one is better than the last. Ed

I.P., I love you with all my heart, my Valentine, my love always. Cindy

My Dear Kathy, I love you. Please let me remain in your Quails Foundation. Robert

Community Calendar

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third Wednesday of each month, noon to 1 p.m., Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. Cost is \$10 (no annual dues). Please bring your business cards and brochures. Bring a friend a get \$5 off your next lunch at Noon Networking.

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, a Revolutionary group for descendants over age 18 of Confederate veterans, meets every third Thursday of every month at Ravanelli's Restaurant in Granite City. Call 877-3065 for more information.

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TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month at Shoney's Highway 13 (#4 Community Center, Granite City). Come join us for better communication and leadership skills. For more information call 692-6026 or 877-2998.

BEST SLEDDERSMASTERS UNDERWATER RESCUE TEAM meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at 10044 Old River Road, Room 100 to the Mitchell Fire Protection Department. Tours are available by appointment, 931-3117 or write to the above address.

NEW HOPE CHAPTER 432 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

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each third Saturday at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 341-3643 or 656-7831.

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PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, 3 to 4:30 p.m., third Sunday of each month, at Central Christian Church, 2020 North Road, Granite City. This group, for men, will meet in the church's Fellowship Hall door on the east side of the building. For more information phone Roger Zollars, any evening, 656-5438.

LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS SUPPORT GROUP, sub-chapter of Illinois Lupus Foundation, 7:30 p.m., third Thursday of each month, Memorial Hospital auditorium, Belleville, 233-7750, extension 5860.

PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN, St. Louis Chapter, 8 to 10 p.m., the second Saturday of each month, in the American Cancer Society Building, 4201 Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis. For information call 452-2149 or (314) 361-2200.

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THURSDAY, Feb. 19 — Breakfast: Cereal, toast and jelly, banana, milk; Lunch: Baked turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, cherry cobbler, milk.

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School Menus

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Granite City Public Schools

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WEDNESDAY, Feb. 17 — Breakfast: Sausage, pancake, milk; Lunch: Hot dog, baked beans, ham, onion bun, potato salad, baked beans, low-fat yellow cake, hamburger on bun, milk.

THURSDAY, Feb. 18 — Breakfast: Cereal, toast and cinnamon raisins; Lunch: Lasagna with ground beef, French bread, spinach, mixed fruit, pizza, milk.

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St. Elizabeth School

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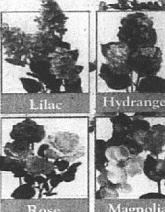
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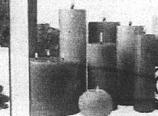
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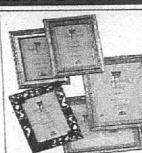


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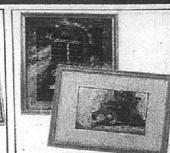
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Omission is hard to swallow

First CM lawsuit
missed top issue

Must be a lot of partying
going on in Bethalto.

First, I learned of nine
Civic Memorial High School
football players suspended
for attending a party last
fall, and now there's
reference to golf team
members and alcohol.

John Rucker, the
Bethalto district
superintendent,
said a total of 46
students

were suspended
from CM
over the past
five years
for violating
the code of
conduct, which
includes the use
of alcohol on or off campus.

Reportedly, Rucker
indicated that members of
several teams, including the
drill team and
cheerleaders, were caught.

Regardless if 46 is high
or low in comparison with
other Southwestern Illinois
schools, there are a few
other things about Bethalto
matters that caught my
attention.

Regarding those football
players who were allowed to
play the final two games of
last season, thanks to a
ruling by Madison County
Circuit Judge Phillips.

Kards, why was "property
rights" the only issue
considered?

Kards ruled that the
players had a "constitutional
property right" to play in
the games because some of
them were eligible for
college scholarships and
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and capriciously," something
included in the original suit
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Kards.

Ramsey said some of the
golfers at another party
behaved just like the football
players had, but only the
gridiron were disciplined.

My dictionary refers to
capricious as "impulsive
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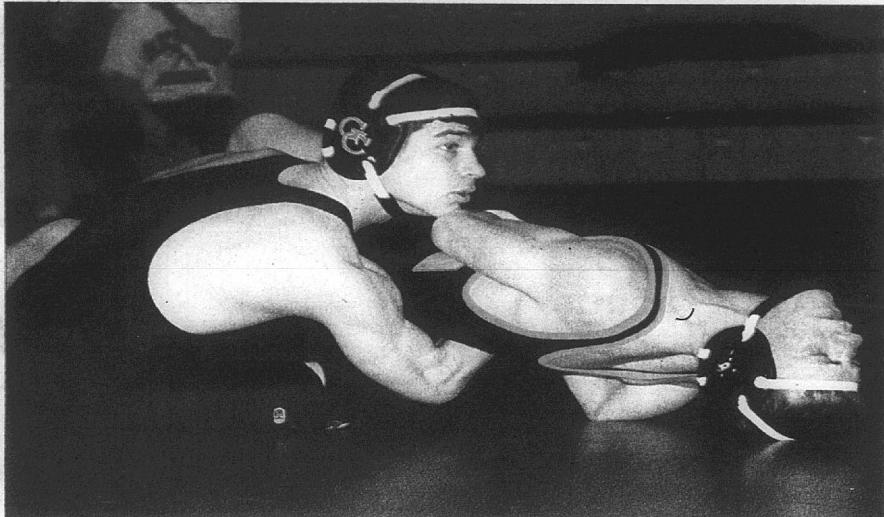
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Paul Baillargeon photo

Granite City wrestler Paul Johnson (top) won an IHSA Class AA sectional championship for 125-pound wrestlers last weekend in Jerseyville.

Johnson not easily intimidated

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granic City finally lost a regular-season wrestling match this year. After 130 straight dual-meet wins, the Warriors dropped a 40-18 loss to defending IHSA Class AA state champ

New Lenox Providence. Paul Johnson was one of the Warriors' wrestlers who lost against New Lenox Providence — to 125-pound standout Sean Chinski.

"He got beat, he gave up a lot of points, but he wrestled very hard," Mike Garland said. "He lost his match, but I think he won the battle. The Providence

kid was pretty beat up. I'd rather have the victory than the war than the battle, but he wrestled hard."

Johnson's season has progressed thereafter without a hitch.

At the IHSA Class AA regional Feb. 6 in Jerseyville, Johnson won the 125-pound

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Warriors swept in playoffs

Chaminade tops Granite City in Mid-States

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors had their Mid-States Club Hockey Association season decided by Creve Coeur (Mo.) last night.

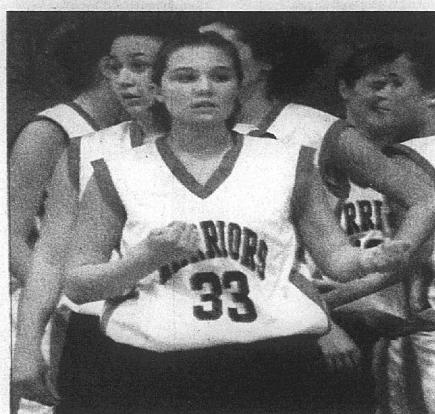
The Flyers hammered Granite City 14-1 in the second game of a first-round Mid-States series. Chaminade also had won the opening game of the series.

By Subre and Donnie Dickerson connected for Granite City's only goal. Subre scored the first and he and Dickerson went in for a two-on-one. Subre fed it to Dickerson and the freshman one-timed a shot that found the back of the net.

"It was nice to see a freshman get the goal," Granite City coach Dave Yurkovich said.

But Chaminade quickly put the score out of reach. Brian Rease, who had minded the nets brilliantly in the first game on Feb. 6, came down with a case of the flu and couldn't play Monday. Steve Wojciechowski stepped into the breach and got shelled.

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Tim Stephenson photo
Granite City senior Liz Dittman missed most of the past two seasons with injuries.

Dittman battled injuries to contribute for Warriors

Senior leader sets example with resilience

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

It was just two points in Granite City's 67-50 triumph against Alton last Monday night.

Playing mostly just two points in the fourth quarter of a Warriors' victory.

But for Granite City senior Liz Dittman, the basket marked the completion of a long comeback from injury. And it made the Senior Night victory even more special for Dittman and her teammates.

Dittman, a forward, has sat on the bench for the better part of the past two seasons with a serious knee injury. She tore her anterior cruciate ligament in April of 1997. As a sophomore playing soccer for the Warriors, Dittman was injured in a game against Belleville West about halfway through the season.

The road to Wellville has been strewn with potholes.

"I had surgery in June (of 1997) and they did ACL reconstruction," Dittman said. "I was out six or eight months and I had to miss my basketball season my junior year (1997-98) because I couldn't play. I do miss it."

Dittman returned to basketball last fall through basketball season rehabbing. I could play right when (the 1998) soccer season started my junior year and after that I was OK."

But Dittman injured her knee again before the start of the 1998-99 basketball season. "I hurt it this year, right at the beginning of basketball season — playing indoor soccer," she said. "I just twisted it or strained it and they told me I had to stay off of it."

"I had to have an MRI and make sure everything was still OK and it was, so they told me I could play as long as I wore my brace. It's real sensitive to everything."

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Kahoks use depth in the post to wear down foes

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Collinsville High coach Steve McFall likes to think the Kahoks

GIRLS BASKETBALL
have four strong inside players.

Metro East coaches know about 6-foot-1 senior Autumn Dow and 6-4 junior Amy Loftus. However, the Kahoks' unsung weapons are 5-9 sophomores Deanne Trost and Katie Vieulf.

Dow has been among the Metro East's top scorers from the start of the season and she credits Loftus, Trost and Vieulf.

The Kahoks began the season with Loftus on the bench with a broken foot. Dow saw double- and triple-team defenses but Trost and Vieulf controlled key points, rebounding and defense.

"Katie Vieulf gives us passing, rebounding and defense," Collinsville coach Steve McFall said. "Trost is

very athletic. She gives us offense. They are the two hardest-working kids in the program. It is nothing for Katie to stay one hour after practice to shoot. Deanne has never had a bad practice. I wouldn't trade our two sophomores for anything."

"They are not as big as some people but they will make up for it with hard work. Their skill level is better than a lot of people in play."

"If we can't get in foul trouble, Katie and Deanne step into position which really helps us in our high-low game. She is an excellent shot blocker. She's got a real sense of timing."

"Amy gives us size without a doubt. She is one of the best rebounders in the area."

A big reason for that 10-1 streak

since Christmas has been the return of Loftus. She is averaging 9.7 points per game since coming back from an injury.

"We decided she was going to learn on the floor," said McFall, in his first season at the helm. "Her offense is coming around but she has done a nice job since she has been back. She is really starting to play."

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Collinsville Kahoks

SCORING STATS
Autumn Dow
Amy Loftus
Deanne Trost
Katie Vieulf
Stephanie Rogers
Kristen Seka
TOTALS

FQ Spd Ft Pg
20 24 17 20 196
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Feb. 16
Game 4: Triad (15) at Salem (2), 7:30 p.m.
Game 5: Paris (10) at Chatham-Glenwood (7),
7:30 p.m.
Game 6: Civic Memorial (12) at Mattoon (3),
7:30 p.m.
Game 7: Highland (11) at Edwardsville (6),
7:30 p.m.

Feb. 17
Game 8: Winner game 1 at Taylorville (1),
7:30 p.m.
Game 9: Winner game 2 vs. Winner game 3,
7:30 p.m.
Game 10: Winner game 4 vs. Winner game
5, 7:30 p.m.
Game 11: Winner game 6 vs. Winner game
7, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 18
Game 12: Winner game 8 vs. Winner game
9, 6 p.m.
Game 13: Winner game 10 vs. Winner game
11, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 19
At Taylorville High

Game 14: Winner game 12 vs. Winner game
13, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 20
At Effingham High

Game 15: Granite City (9) at Jerseyville (8),
7:30 p.m.

Game 16: Alton (14) at Collinsville (4), 7:30
p.m.

Game 17: Effingham (13) at Charleston (5),
7:30 p.m.

Feb. 21
At Taylorville High

Game 18: Winner game 6 vs. Winner game
9, 6 p.m.

Game 19: Winner game 10 vs. Winner game
11, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 22
At Taylorville High

Game 20: Winner game 1 vs. Winner game
9, 6 p.m.

Game 21: Winner game 10 vs. Winner game
11, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 23
At Taylorville High

Game 24: Winner game 12 vs. Winner game
13, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 25
At Taylorville High

Game 26: Winner game 14 vs. Winner game
15, 7:30 p.m.

MVCHA results

Schedules for Jocel teams in the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association. Rinks listed below in parentheses are: FH — U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Farview Heights; EA — East Alton; GC — Granite City; CA — Cahokia.

ALTHOFF CRUSADERS Overall record (13-6-2)

November

16 vs. Belleville East (FH)....W 7-2
22 vs. Alton (EA)....W 10-3
29 vs. O'Fallon (FH)....L 2-3

December

5 vs. Belleville West (FH)....W 2-0
6 vs. Marquette (EA)....W 3-1
12 vs. Cahokia (EA)....W 4-1
22 vs. Edwardsville (EA)....W 3-1
27 vs. Granite City (GC)....W 3-3
29 vs. Belleville East (FH)....W 3-1

January

3 vs. Alton (FH)....T 1-1
9 vs. Roxane (FH)....W 4-0
10 vs. O'Fallon (FH)....T 1-1
16 vs. Cahokia (EA)....W 4-1
18 vs. Alton Marquette (FH)....W 4-1
23 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)....W 4-1
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)....W 3-1
30 vs. Cahokia (EA)....W 4-1

February

3 vs. Granite City (EA)....L 4-5
6 vs. Civic Memorial (FH)....L 1-4
13 vs. Edwardsville (EA)....4 p.m.

BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS Overall record (6-12-3)

November

14 vs. O'Fallon (FH)....L 3-7
16 vs. Althoff (EA)....L 2-7
22 vs. Civic Memorial (FH)....W 4-3
29 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)....W 3-1

December

5 vs. Collinsville (FH)....W 6-3
13 vs. Alton (FH)....W 4-3
19 vs. Edwardsville (EA)....W 3-2
25 vs. Civic Memorial (FH)....W 4-3
29 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)....W 3-1

January

7 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)....L 0-4
9 vs. Alton Marquette (FH)....T 2-2
15 vs. Edwardsville (EA)....W 4-1
21 vs. Granite City (FH)....W 5-2
27 vs. Edwardsville (EA)....L 1-3

February

1 vs. Belleville East (FH)....L 1-6
6 vs. Roxane (FH)....L 3-6
11 vs. Roxane (EA)....7:15 p.m.

BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS Overall record (11-9-1)

November

17 vs. Cahokia (FH)....T 4-4
22 vs. Collinsville (FH)....L 3-4
28 vs. Edwardsville (FH)....W 4-1
29 vs. Civic Memorial (FH)....W 3-1

December

5 vs. Althoff (FH)....L 0-2
7 vs. Alton Marquette (FH)....W 3-0
13 vs. Edwardsville (EA)....W 6-3
19 vs. O'Fallon (FH)....L 0-3
25 vs. Granite City (GC)....L 2-4
26 vs. Collinsville (FH)....W 2-0
28 vs. Cahokia (EA)....W 2-0
27 vs. Roxane (EA)....W 6-5

January

3 vs. Collinsville (FH)....L 1-5
7 vs. Edwardsville (EA)....W 5-1
12 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)....L 0-1
17 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)....L 0-1
23 vs. Alton (FH)....W 5-2
27 vs. Edwardsville (EA)....W 5-0
30 vs. Granite City (FH)....L 2-3

February

1 vs. Belleville East (FH)....W 6-1
6 vs. Roxane (FH)....W 5-0
14 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)....7:15 p.m.

CACOHOKA COMANCHES Overall record (6-10-4)

November

15 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)....L 3-4
17 vs. Belleville West (EA)....T 4-4
21 vs. Belleville East (CA)....W 4-1
28 vs. Granite City (CA)....T 2-2

December

5 vs. O'Fallon (FH)....W 2-0
6 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)....L 2-4
12 vs. Roxane (CA)....W 4-1
14 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)....L 1-3
19 vs. Alton Marquette (CA)....L 4-6
20 vs. Edwardsville (EA)....L 4-6
26 vs. Belleville West (CA)....L 0-2
27 vs. Collinsville (CA)....W 4-3

January

2 vs. Alton (CA)....L 2-5

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS Overall record (10-7-2)

November

18 vs. Alton Marquette (GA)....W 5-4
19 vs. Collinsville (FH)....W 3-4
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)....T 2-2
28 vs. Cahokia (CA)....T 2-2

December

2 vs. O'Fallon (FH)....L 3-5
5 vs. Civic Memorial (EA)....W 1-0
9 vs. Roxane (CA)....W 4-1
16 vs. Belleville West (GC)....W 4-2
17 vs. Edwardsville (EA)....L 2-5
19 vs. Granite City (FH)....W 4-1
20 vs. Alton Marquette (CA)....L 4-6
26 vs. Belleville West (CA)....L 0-2
27 vs. Edwardsville (GC)....W 4-3

January

6 vs. Collinsville (GC)....L 2-7

MASCOUTAH INDIANS Overall record (8-9-3)

November

21 vs. Freeburg (FH)....T 2-2
22 vs. Waterloo (FH)....L 2-6
25 vs. Pella Southwest (GC)....L 3-4
28 vs. Jerseyville (FH)....W 2-1

December

6 vs. Highland (EA)....W 6-0
8 vs. Triad (FH)....L 2-4
13 vs. Waterloo (FH)....W 6-1
15 vs. Mascoutah (FH)....W 5-1
17 vs. Pella Southwest (FH)....W 3-2
27 vs. Althoff (FH)....W 3-0

January

2 vs. Collinsville (FH)....L 2-7

FREEBURG BLUE RAGE Overall record (19-0-2)

November

21 vs. Mascoutah (FH)....W 4-2
22 vs. Triad (FH)....W 4-1
24 vs. Wood River (FH)....W 5-2

December

5 vs. Pella Southwest (EA)....L 3-3
8 vs. Waterloo (FH)....T 4-4
13 vs. Belleville West (EA)....L 1-3
19 vs. Civic Memorial (FH)....W 6-1
24 vs. Belleville East (FH)....W 3-2
27 vs. Althoff (FH)....W 5-3

January

3 vs. Althoff (FH)....W 5-4

O'FALLON PANTHERS Overall record (18-2-2)

November

14 vs. Belleville East (FH)....W 7-3
22 vs. Edwardsville (FH)....L 0-3
28 vs. Alton Marquette (EA)....W 2-3

December

6 vs. Wood River (FH)....W 5-1
8 vs. Mascoutah (FH)....W 4-1
14 vs. Edwardsville (FH)....W 1-0
15 vs. Waterloo (FH)....L 2-6
20 vs. Freeburg (FH)....W 6-1
26 vs. Pella Southwest (FH)....W 4-1

January

3 vs. Wood River (FH)....T 5-5

MASCOUTAH INDIANS Overall record (8-9-3)

November

21 vs. Freeburg (FH)....T 2-4
22 vs. Waterloo (FH)....L 2-6
25 vs. Pella Southwest (GC)....L 3-4
28 vs. Jerseyville (FH)....W 2-1

December

6 vs. Highland (FH)....W 5-1
10 vs. Althoff (FH)....T 1-1
13 vs. Waterloo (FH)....W 3-4
17 vs. Civic Memorial (FH)....W 2-3
27 vs. Alton (FH)....W 2-2

January

2 vs. Civic Memorial (FH)....W 5-1

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS Overall record (10-7-2)

November

18 vs. Alton Marquette (GA)....W 5-4
19 vs. Collinsville (FH)....W 4-1
24 vs. Collinsville (FH)....T 2-2
28 vs. Cahokia (CA)....T 2-2

December

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19 vs. Granite City (FH)....W 4-1
20 vs. Alton Marquette (CA)....L 4-6
26 vs. Belleville West (CA)....L 0-2
27 vs. Edwardsville (GC)....W 4-3

January

6 vs. Collinsville (GC)....L 2-7

TRIAD KNIGHTS Overall record (7-8-4)

November

15 vs. Jerseyville (EA)....W 3-2
17 vs. Waterloo (FH)....L 0-5

December

6 vs. Jerseyville (EA)....W 5-1
7 vs. Roxane (EA)....W 1-1

January

15 vs. Jerseyville (EA)....W 3-2

WATERLOO BULLDOGS Overall record (14-2-2)

November

21 vs. Triad (FH)....W 5-0
23 vs. Mascoutah (FH)....W 6-2
26 vs. Highland (EA)....W 5-2

December

6 vs. Jerseyville (FH)....W 6-4
8 vs. Freeburg (FH)....T 4-4
12 vs. Pella Southwest (EA)....W 5-3
15 vs. Triad (FH)....W 6-2
19 vs. Mascoutah (FH)....T 3-3
22 vs. Highland (FH)....W 7-2

January

15 vs. Jerseyville (EA)....W 3-2

WATERLOO BULLDOGS Overall record (14-2-2)

January

15 vs. Jerseyville (EA)....W 3-2

WATERLOO BULLDOGS Overall record (14-2-2)

January

15 vs. Jerseyville (EA)....W 3-2

WATERLOO BULLDOGS Overall record (14-2-2)

January

15 vs. Jerseyville (EA)....W 3-2

WATERLOO BULLDOGS Overall record (14-2-2)

January

15 vs. Jerseyville (EA)....W 3-2

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Belleville West holds on to beat Granite City

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

A fast start Friday night translated into a victory for the Belleville West basketball team. The Maroons scored the first 15 points of the game and built a 15-point first-quarter lead en route to a 52-48 Southwestern Conference victory against Granite City.

Belleville West improved to 12-11 overall and 4-4 in the Southwestern Conference. The visiting Warriors dropped to 11-13 and 2-7.

"Getting off to a good start was extremely important because Granite City is a lot more difficult to play

Maroons score first 10 points en route to four-point win

when you're behind," West coach Bill Schmidt said. "We came out of the gate quickly."

A bankshot by Curtis Williams gave the Maroons a 10-0 lead. Ramon Kelly's 3-pointer made the score 21-6 with 47 seconds to play in the first quarter.

"That's what we've been doing lately — we dig ourselves a hole early," Granite City coach John Moad said. "We just didn't do the same old thing. In the second or third quarter, we make a little run and try to get back in the game but it's harder to work for a basket when

you're down by 10 the whole game. We gave up a lot of layups and they had 21 points at the end of the first quarter. We didn't have 21 points at halftime."

After Warriors cut West's lead to seven points early in the second quarter, but a basket by Kelly put the Maroons up by 13 (27-14) with 2:33 to play. A 3-pointer at the buzzer by Dennis Smith made the score 30-17 at halftime.

West took a 10-point lead into the fourth quarter, but Granite City got within three points (49-46) on a slam dunk by Chris Tindall. One free

throw by Smith and two by Kelly clinched the victory for the Maroons before the Warriors added a basket at the buzzer.

"Most of the game we did a good job of defense," Schmidt said. "We made it more difficult for them to do the things they wanted to do."

"One of the keys for us was (senior) Leander Adams (in place of senior Cecil Carter, who is serving a two-game suspension). He's a good high school basketball story. He's been on the team all year and got off to a slow start practice-wise and it

took him a while to get into the playing mode. He had a tremendous first half and did the things we need him to do."

Granite City was limited to 29 points over three quarters, which VanBuskirk believes was due to a combination of solid defense by West and lack of execution by his team. Seven of those points were scored by Matt Pistorius.

"We were 6-for-11 in the first half, we just didn't shoot very well," VanBuskirk said. "We ran a motion offense and I try to get everybody the ball, but we didn't do a very good job of it tonight."

Pistorius finished with 19 points, while Zack May scored eight of his 10 points in the fourth quarter.

Dittman demonstrates resilience

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The injuries wiped out a promising prep career for Dittman.

"At the time that she got hurt her sophomore year she was getting a lot of playing time for the junior varsity and playing really well," Granite City girls' basketball coach John Moad said. "After she got hurt, she continued to come out and play for us. She was real questionable whether or not she would come back and play basketball this year, but she has done a great job. We've seen her been able to put in a lot of practice together, she has done a real good job for us."

Coming into her senior season, Dittman was faced with a confusing miasma of doubt and uncertainty. Through it all, she held up with grace and maturity.

"I didn't know what to expect," Dittman said. "I knew when I played before I always started off kind of slow, but during the season always got a lot better. I had to miss my junior year and I just wanted to play. I mean, I love these girls."

Though she hasn't been able to contribute much physically on the court, Dittman's presence in the locker room and on the bench has helped a program that was 3-20 a year ago without her turn around and reach the .500 mark.

"Liz gives us leadership," Moad said. "The girls really look up to her. They know she has been through it, but she has also received a lot

being with the team.

"Just knowing how to be a team member is great," Dittman said. "When I first made the team, Coach told me he couldn't promise me the minutes or anything, but that everybody looked up to her and I knew that I was the best freshman and they missed me the year before. He wanted to take me and I know that he had to cut people who were better than me skill-wise."

"I've made some really good friends this year that I didn't know my sophomore year. It's been a lot harder this year because I'm a senior and everything is like, 'This is the last time I'm going to get to do this, the last time I'm going to be able to do that.'

Though she has battled adversity, Dittman emerged as an example of resilience and sportsmanship.

"She is not a girl who was expected to play a lot and she knew that going in," Moad said. "I think the girls really respect her a lot for that because she comes out and works as hard as anybody."

"Just being a part of it was great," Dittman said. "It makes the school year go by so much faster, it seems, when you are in something. It's just a good experience for anybody and it keeps you away from doing things that you shouldn't do. It's a real good thing in your life to know you're going. It keeps me in shape because I'm still practicing, which people don't see. It's been great. No regrets."

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Johnson not easily intimidated

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title with victories against Edwardsville's Ryan Starkey (by pin at 3 minutes 3 seconds) and Jerseyville's Steve Walsh (by pin at 1:21).

"I'm pretty happy with what I did there," Johnson said. "I hope to go to the next tournament and sectionals and hopefully place again. I want to go to the regional."

A good effort is the least of the things the Warriors can count on from Paul Johnson. The key to his success is his ability to block out intimidation.

"The thing about Paul Johnson is that he's not afraid of anybody, that's the bottom line," Garland said. "This kid is not afraid of anything or anybody. He doesn't care if you are a state champ, if you are a national high school champ. He's going to go out there to beat you."

"We have other kids on this team, if they read a guy's name, they're done, they can't beat somebody with a name. Paulie Johnson doesn't care who you are. The Providence kid beat him, but he looked like he lost. Paul beat him up."

"If you figure out that your opponent thinks he's going to set you down, I'd recommend, 'Don't you dare get scared of them. You don't get scared of them. You just keep going after them with the same intensity over and over and you'll beat the guy."

Johnson has lost matches this year by shooting, getting near-falls, and then being

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outpointed at the end. He will have to raise his game a notch to make some noise at state.

"Paulie can't afford to do that in February," Garland said. "The problem is that he gives up too many points. If he can cut down on his points against, he can place at state, because he's strong enough, he's mean enough and he's tough enough. Those are some of the things I can't coach. He has all of that. It's just a matter of him giving up those big points. We're hoping for the best for him."

Johnson had his sectional battles this weekend. With a characteristic performance there, it will be off to state, where anything can happen.

"I just want to keep my endurance up," Johnson said. "I've started start practicing harder, gotten a harder workout in, maybe built up some more stamina."

Warriors eliminated in playoffs by Chaminade

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"Wojo has been rusty," Yurkovich said. "Lately, he hasn't been able to get his game together. He didn't have a backup goalie so I had to leave him in there for the whole game."

The Warriors changed tack somewhat from their first-round game and attempted to put plenty of hits on Chaminade, the No. 2 seed in the 32-team tournament.

"We were very physical with them and got our shots in," Yurkovich said. "The Irishmen especially learned to take the body and take the hits to them."

Granite City was able to defend the shot advantage to 49-43 in favor of Chaminade, as opposed to the 57-8 advantage the Red Devils had Saturday in a 5-0 win.

"We had some chances," Yurkovich said. "We had more shots and they had fewer."

The Warriors hope to chalk this one up on the development column in their program's ledger.

"We learned from it," Yurkovich said. "We knew they were going to come out and go after us only after beating us 5-0 in the first game."

"Realistically, we didn't think we were going to beat that team, but I didn't want my team to think that. The only thing we can do is prepare my kids and have my kids take this experience with them. I think my kids know that potentially we can beat teams like this, we have in the past."

"It's just that this year they have a much better talent base than we do. Their depth is unbelievable. They have no weaknesses."

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McKinney powers Panthers with his productivity

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

At 5-foot-6 and 125 pounds, O'Fallon hockey player Ryan McKinney is exactly a power forward.

But he certainly injects a lot of power into the Panthers' offense.

McKinney, a senior transfer from Belleville East, has a leadership-leading 50 points (23 goals, 27 assists) for OTHS, which finished the regular season with a 15-1 record.

O'Fallon reached first in the Southern Division of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association and takes the Class 2A Conference's No. 1 overall seed into this week's playoffs.

"The credit to Ryan is not so

much his 27 goals as his 27 assists. He's probably the most unselfish player on the team," said O'Fallon coach Ken Larriese. "We don't pick a captain based on talent but on leadership, and off the ice. Ryan has both of those qualities."

McKinney is typically one of the smallest players on the ice, but he's not hindered by his lack of size.

"Early on, when I first started playing in checking leagues, it was a little harder, but I adjusted," McKinney said. "I had to be quicker, but I also used a really short stick. It makes the maneuverability and my stickhandling much better, and I have a lower center of gravity. I think I

have better accuracy with a shorter stick."

McKinney was introduced to hockey at age 5. He started playing in the Cahokia youth league when he was 6. "My uncle played in the Cahokia league and my dad played a little in a men's league, but my whole family played hockey. When I took a liking to it," McKinney said. "I played baseball for three years, but I quit just to play hockey."

"The level of play (in the MVCHA) has really gone up. This year you can't do alright, last year it was better, and this year it's even better."

McKinney played the past two seasons at Belleville East under his father, Lancers head

coach Mark McKinney. Ryan had 21 goals and 19 assists as a sophomore and 16 goals and 16 assists as a junior. But last summer, his family moved from Cahokia to O'Fallon. In two games against East this season, McKinney has one goal and six assists.

"The most awkward thing this year was playing against my dad," McKinney said. "It's a little bit lazy unless it was a key point. This year we've had some pretty intense practices and it keeps me in shape."

"I play with (senior Joel Leiker and junior Zach Gustavson) and I work real well together."

McKinney has been nominated for the Team USA Select 17.

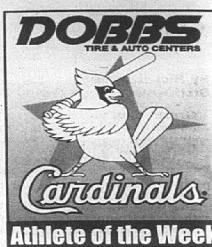
really found another winger. "At O'Fallon, we don't depend on one person to score. Our second and third lines have done a pretty good job."

McKinney feels his own skill level has increased this season.

"My endurance has gotten better," he said. "With East, I found myself running around and being lazy unless it was a key point."

"Moving here, I was really nervous for school, but I knew pretty many people from hockey. It only took me a couple weeks to adjust."

"This is a lot different type of team. At East, a lot of my winters, Jason Anderson (now at Freeburg) was injured most of the year. Jimmy Bedwell did a great job, but we never



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Freeburg finishes perfect regular season

Blue Rage finishes first in Mississippi Valley Class A

By Garen Vartanian
Staff writer

Freeburg hockey coach Craig Buntzen has gotten used to coaching undefeated teams.

Buntzen was an assistant on the Belleville West team that went 12-0 two seasons ago.

By virtue of the club's 3-1 victory over Waterloo Feb. 7 at the U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Fairview Heights, Buntzenbach now is part of another undefeated outfit.

The Blue Rage finished the regular season at 19-0-2 while also winning the Class A Eastern Division of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association.

"There's only been two undefeated teams in this league, and I was on the other one," said Buntzenbach, whose

unit went 2-0-1 against Waterloo this season. "It's kind of neat to be on the other undefeated team, except this time I'm a little bit more competitive. It's quite an honor to be able to play with such good character players."

Blue Rage goalie Ryan Keck once again was the difference, stopping 16 of 16 Waterloo shots.

Keck, who had his string of 17 consecutive scoreless periods broken last Sunday, deserved 16 of 17 Waterloo attempts in a 2-1 Freeburg win on Jan. 9.

"That's quite amazing," Buntzenbach said of Keck's performance. "But it's a team effort too, though. We do a pretty good job of clearing the puck out of our zone. Like I said, it's a team success as well. We wanted to continue our positive momentum going into the playoffs. The players were pumped up. They had something to prove."

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the Blue Rage an insurmountable 3-0 bulge. Assistant coach Brian McBride scored just 23 seconds later to end Keck's scoreless streak.

But Waterloo could draw no closer.

Goalie Danny Songer kept the Bulldogs within striking distance, stopping 18 of 19 Freeburg shots over the final 21 minutes.

"He made some good saves," Grubbs said.

Next up for both Waterloo and Freeburg are the MVCHA playoffs.

The Bulldogs open post-season competition at 4:15 p.m. on Feb. 20 at the U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Fairview, meanwhile, kicks off the playoffs on Tuesday, also at the U.S. Sports Complex.

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Granite City falls to Flyerettes in SWC finale

Warriors allow 100 points to East St. Louis, but ready to begin postseason

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City played East St. Louis on Tuesday night in a makeup game which had been postponed in January because of the weather.

The Warriors would have rather left it unplayed. The Flyerettes used 37 points from LaKeisha Tyler to rout the Warriors 107-61 in a Southwestern Conference game.

"We started the game off with a lot of heart and a lot of fire," Warriors senior center Debra Aaron said. "We had it down to eight points at one time, but as soon as their 3-point shooters started making one right after another, we lost it. But we were in the game for a good quarter. That's an improvement from last game (against East St. Louis)."

Tyler led the Warriors with 14 points, 10 of them from the free-throw line. Aaron and fellow senior Jan Shanafelt had 12 points each. Delta Moore scored a season-high 10.

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11 to the century-mark output. The Warriors trailed just 22-20 after the first quarter.

But they couldn't stop back the waves of East St. Louis talent. Adams and Davis opened the second quarter with back-to-back 3-pointers. Coates added 10 points in the second quarter, but made up for it in the third, scoring 21 points in the quarter to put the game away.

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some of those things were ridiculous."

Coates was given a technical in the third quarter. McDonald was unhappy with the close officiating throughout the game.

"Anytime you call a player that you can't talk to their own teammates on the free-throw line and call a technical, I don't think that makes much sense," McDonald said. "It's not like she was talking to anybody on the other team. She was telling her own teammates what to do. I thought that was wrong."

The game at Jerseyville starts at 7:30 p.m.

The loss closed the Warriors regular season at 13-13 overall, 4-8 in the Southwestern Conference.

The loss to the Metro East's best team didn't put a damper on the Warriors' expectations against Jerseyville this Monday night in the first-round regional game.

"This game wasn't as important as a regional game," Aaron said. "We just have to look further down the road and forget about this game."

The game at Jerseyville starts at 7:30 p.m.

The Panthers host the Country Company Three-Point Shootout at 6:45 p.m. Four players from each team will play 45-second shots, taking turns five from each wing and five from the top of the arc. The top four shooters out of the eight contestants will advance to the final round at Taylorville, which is the No. 1 seed in the region and will play the winner of the game between Granite City and Jerseyville.

In last year's Country Company Shootout, Warriors junior Ashley Bogovich advanced three rounds to the semi-final final as a sophomore. She will be shooting for the Warriors again, along with Jan Shanafelt, Erika Todd and Delta Moore.



Granite City senior Jan Shanafelt (left) scored 12 points Tuesday against East St. Louis as the Warriors dropped to 13-13.

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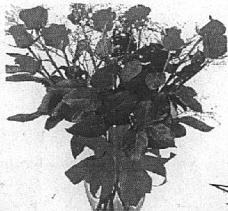


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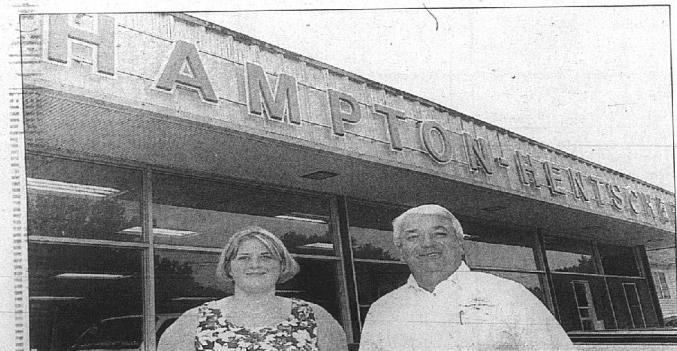
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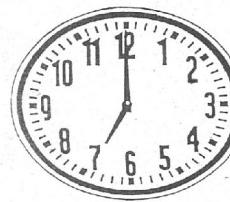
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 4127 So. Drive at Hwy 111.
 Pontoon Beach, IL
 618-931-1395 or
 618-451-3132

2506 COMMERCIAL PROP. FOR RENT

COMMERCIAL SPACE Available Granite City area. 900 to 8000 sq ft. Various locations from Hwy 111 and Hwy 20. Call 398-1166.

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Classified Ads Work!!!

2530 OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

NEW OFFICE SPACE
 Collingsville Blvd. Rd.
 2 Offices, Large Storage Area, 500 sq ft
 \$350/Mth 346-7878

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

AVAILABLE MARCH 1ST
 1,200 Sq. Ft.
 Presently A Doctors Office

3361 Fehling Rd.
Central Sq.
Shopping Center
Granite City
466-2282

2540 RETAIL/STORE SPACE FOR RENT

For Sale or Lease 300sqft business space or office
 unit or private suite. Large parking area.

2601 APARTMENTS FLATS UNFURNISHED

Act Now
 Air Conditioned 2 Bed 1 Bath \$1,200
 2 Bed 1 Bath \$1,300
 1 Bed 1 Bath \$800
 Park Area Section 6 Accept
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Model 1800, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, 1000 sq ft, \$650. 114-772-1800. HMX 316-516-5168

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 1-BR, 1-BATH, 1-CAR GARAGE, 1000 SQ FT, \$650. 114-772-1800. HMX 316-516-5168

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2BD Townhomes from \$650
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Limited Availability

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2645 Condominiums/Townhomes Rent

APARTMENT FOR RENT
 2 BR/1000 sq ft. \$650-\$700

2200 GLEN CARSON

2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1 car garage, 1000 sq ft, \$650-\$700

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1 Bedroom 1 Bath \$650-\$700

2 Bed 1 Bath \$700-\$750

3 Bed 1 Bath \$750-\$800

4 Bed 1 Bath \$800-\$850

5 Bed 1 Bath \$850-\$900

6 Bed 1 Bath \$900-\$950

7 Bed 1 Bath \$950-\$1,000

8 Bed 1 Bath \$1,000-\$1,050

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